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For Die For Extruding Flowable Materials And Having Plural Inlets

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

*a*<sup>1</sup> Fig. 1 is an exploded perspective view, shown partially cutaway, of a die according to the present invention and having plural static mixers.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

*a*<sup>2</sup> Fig. 4 is a broken perspective view of an alternative embodiment showing various insert tubes.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

*a*<sup>3</sup> Referring to Fig. 2, if desired, the die 10 may have a plurality of auxiliary die inlets 30, providing the die 10 with a first die inlet 12 and at least a second die inlet 12. If one or more auxiliary die inlets 30 are used in addition to the first die inlet 12, the one or more auxiliary die inlets 30 may be disposed in acute angular relationship to the first die inlet 12. For example, the auxiliary die inlets 30 may be disposed on the top or bottom of the die 10 and disposed substantially perpendicular to the first die inlet 12. The angular relationship between the first die inlet 12 and the